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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): K. ACHIWA  
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For: CONTROL METHOD FOR STORAGE SYSTEM, STORAGE  
SYSTEM, AND STORAGE DEVICE  
Group: 2182

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 4, 2004

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully  
submitted in connection with the above-identified application, as listed below and as  
set forth on the following pages:

Substitute Specification and Marked Up Version of Original Specification;  
Amendment of the Abstract; and  
Remarks are included following the amendments.